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WINTER FOOD SUPPLY ADEQUATE -- Borba, No 267, 9 Nov 49

This year's crop of agricultural produce, especially of vegetables, was good. There is an abundance of cabbage, tomatoes, onions, beets, etc., so that these items do not have to be rationed.

In Belgrade cabbage is available at 4 to 7 dinars a kilogram, onions at 5 dinars a rilogram, and beets at 8 dinars a kilogram.

The potato and bean crop is also satisfactory. The Federal government has issued an order to the effect that potatoes and beans must be sold to the crop purchasing agencies, thus making these products available to the working people at cheaper prices. The crop purchasing of potatoes and beans will also augment the winter food supply of restaurants, messes, institutions, and homes, in which 860,000 working people are being fed. However, the buying of potatoes last month by crop-purchasing agencies was only carried out by 44 percent. The purchasing plan for Rovember for all Yugoslavia was carried out by 28 percent during the first 4 days of the month.

The crop purchasing of beans is not proceeding successfully either. Only 17 percent of the purchasing plan has been completed. The Vojvodina is an exception; there 30 percent of the planned quantity was purchased by 22 October. The shipping, unloading, and distribution are slow, causing the rotting of potatoes especially. Two hundred freight cars were made ready for the shipment of potatoes from Zrenjanin to Belgrade. However, the railroad could not take care of the entire crop, which therefore was left at the depot to be loaded on barges, during which time much of it rotted.

CROP PURCHASE OF VEGETABLES LAGS -- Borba, No 268, 10 Nov 49

Even though only 29.9 percent of the planned amount of potatoes has been bought according to the crop-purchasing plan in Macedonia, the majority of the inhabitants have already received their share. During Movember, Skoplje will be supplied with potatoes for the whole winter.

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The sapply of peppers and tomatoes is adequate, and femilies can store away for the winter as much as they wish.

The purchasing of beans has to be speeded up because only 36 percent was bought by 7 November.

All the mining centers have yet to be supplied with winter food.

The Ministry for Federal Purchasing has failed to speed up the buying of potatoes and beans. Of the 325 freight cars of potatoes allotted to Novi Sad for the winter, only 65 percent have errived so far. The population is allotted 40 to 60 kilograms per person. Beans have not been distributed. There are sufficient onlons, cabbage, kohl-rabi, green vegotables, and others.

This year more sabbage, pappers, cucumbers, and green tomatoes were preserved than last year. Novi Gad has about 60 cooperative mess halls, many of which have not procured a sufficient amount of food for the winter.

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